

Easter Triduum

The term "Triduum" refers to the period of three days starting on Holy Thursday evening, continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ending with Mass or evening prayer on Easter Sunday evening.

Key liturgical celebrations of the Triduum are the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

Busy people may be tempted to attend just one of these, perhaps Good Friday because of the moving veneration of the cross, or the Easter Vigil because it's the main celebration of the period, although it starts later than the normal Saturday evening Mass and lasts much longer!

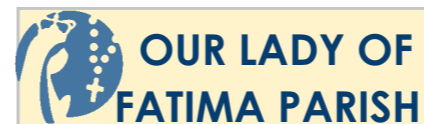
But to miss any of the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum is like missing one act of a three-act play. The Triduum is really one three-day-long liturgy. This is illustrated clearly when we consider how the liturgies of this period begin and end.

The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way, but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal and people depart in silence.

At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The liturgy concludes with the joyful paschal dismissal "Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia" as we process out to the sounds of the triumphant Easter hymn.

The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days.

- Elizabeth Harrington



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MASS TIMES

Tue: 5:30pm—Eucharist Adoration
6:00pm Holy Mass

Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 9 am
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm

CONFESSIONS

Tues: 5:00pm to 5:30pm
(by appointment)

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

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FATIMA NEWS

5th Sunday of Lent/Passion Sunday Year B, 17 March 2024

Greetings to all,

At the beginning of this Sunday's gospel reading we are introduced to two people who approach one of the disciples of Jesus and express their wish in a very simple way, 'We want to see Jesus'. They are described as 'Greeks'. In saying to Philip 'We want to see Jesus', they are giving expression to their deeper religious longings.

No matter where we are on our own faith journey, there is a sense in which we can always say, 'we want to see Jesus'. Those two Greeks were at the very beginning of their faith journey as followers of Jesus. Yet, their wish is appropriate for every stage of the journey. When it comes to the Lord, there is always more to be seen. When it comes to our relationship with the Lord, there is always room for growth.

Interestingly, the two Greeks did not approach Jesus directly. They approached one of Jesus' disciples, Philip, who in turn went to Andrew and then, together, they went to Jesus with the request of the Greeks. The two disciples, Philip and Andrew, served as mediators between the Greeks and Jesus. These two disciples made it possible for the two Greeks to see Jesus.

This is as true today as it was in the time of Jesus. We come to the Lord through each other. We are called to bring each other to the Lord, to help one another to see Jesus. In our faith life, in our search for Jesus, we are intimately bound up with one another.

This weekend, our parish community witnesses a wonderful example of that when 38 families bringing their children to encounter with Jesus through the sacrament of Holy Communion. How wonderful to witness that in our midst!

These parents help their children to see Jesus by bringing them to the church, teaching them to pray. Children, in turn, can bring their parents, and all of us, to see Jesus.

Like "creeks" in gospel story, our children and their parents desire to know the Lord, their openness can touch us deeply, and even awaken some faith in us that has been dormant for some time. When it



comes to our faith, we are all struggling to see and we need others to show us and to guide us.

Even more beautiful at the end of gospel passage we have wonderful words of Jesus, 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself'. Jesus declares there that when he is lifted up on the cross and lifted up in glory, he will be revealing his love for us and that love will draw us to himself. The one whom we wish to see is not playing hide and seek with us. Rather, he is constantly drawing us to himself in love. He is the grain of wheat that falls into the earth and dies and in dying bears much fruit. His dying is an explosion of love that envelopes us and brings to pass our wish to see him more clearly.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Dang

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 26th: 5:30 pm Holy Mass, 6:00 pm Eucharist Adoration, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: Lenten Confession (3 priests available)

Wednesday, March 27th: 8:30 am Rosary 9:am Holy Mass

Thursday March 28th: No morning mass, 6:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:30 pm - Night Prayer

Friday, March 28th (Good Friday) 10:00 am - Stations of the Cross, 3 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 29th (Holy Saturday) 7:00 pm -- Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 30th (Easter Sunday) - Normal Mass schedule. 9am & 5pm Sunday Mass

Join us for a Morning Tea on 21 March at 9:30am at Parish Office/ Presbytery. Bring a plate of food to share and a friend.

GROWING IN GRACE FRIENDS

Sharing God's love through arts during Lenten Program

Caritas AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

In this difficult times, your Project compassion donation matters more than ever. By working together, we can help support some of the world's most vulnerable people, now and for all future generations.

RONITA, PHILIPPINES

Friday Station of the Cross - 22nd of March 2024, Friday at 10:00 am

Our prayers are with those who are suffering illness at this time. May God's presence nourish and strengthen you.

To receive the Parish eNewsletter, please email to acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au

PALM SUNDAY

A feature of the liturgy on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord is the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem which includes the procession of branches. This is not intended to be a re-enactment of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

The Church's liturgy does not re-enact past events but is rather a living encounter with the whole mystery of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, death and resurrection to glory. The proclamation of the story of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving branches and processing together as a pilgrim people are ritual actions which help us call to mind a key event in our salvation history.

By participating in the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, we symbolise our commitment to complete the initial victory that Christ has won. We joyfully join ourselves to Christ, making his passion our own. We share in his suffering so that we may share in his glory.

The readings and prayers set down for Palm Sunday clearly proclaim that, just as there is no cross without the resurrection, there is no resurrection without the cross. *Elizabeth Harrington*



Being a member of St Vincent de Paul is more than just helping the poor and disadvantage in Acacia Ridge it is a spiritual journey aimed at deepening one's faith.

Frederick Ozanam the founder of St Vincent de Paul stressed that the "chief work of the Society is the saving of souls", to support, to encourage with compassion and to be empathetic advocates for each other and for those voices crying in the wilderness.

If you would like to join please contact Noel Sweeney
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Sacrament of First Holy Communion

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to extend our CONGRATULATIONS to the children who made their First Holy Communion on this weekend March 16th, 2024.

A big shout out to our parents and guardians who worked hard with their children during the sessions. We hope that your experience of sharing in the faith journey with your children, in this Sacramental Program, has been helpful in supporting your role, as parents and guardians, as their first teachers of the Christian faith.

I would also like to commend the wonderful energy and effort of sacramental team, Sr Hannah and Sr Joy Marie for leading the sessions this year. Our sincere thanks to your hard works and commitments in sharing your love of God and the Church to our Children and to Virginia Sharpe for coordinating behind the scenes. We are also grateful for all of you. Once again, to our kids our sincere CONGRATULATIONS! *Fr Dang*

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

Forgiveness should be part of every one's Lenten journey. It is never easy! Reconciliation is offered every Tuesday at Our Lady of Fatima Church from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Our special Rite of Reconciliation is celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week: **Tuesday March 26th at 6:00pm at our Church.** There are two guest priests will assist us for confession

Please Note: There will NOT be ANY confessions available during the Triduum, March 28th to March 30th.

LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual **CHRISM MASS** Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE
ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

Easter Retreat 9am - 5pm Sat 23 March

Journey to the Cross

JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH CALVARY TO EXPERIENCE THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION

Open to Ages 16-40
Free Event with Lunch Provided
RSVP via Email by 17 March at srs.spc.australia@gmail.com
More information at srs.spc.australia.org.au

St Pauls Convent
28 Fedrick St. Boronia Heights

GUIDED RETREAT
12-14 APRIL

Experience an encounter with the sacraments.

Scan QR for more details and to register for this weekend-long retreat at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

ARCHDIOCESEAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

MODULE THREE BEING SACRAMENTAL

HOST	PRESENTER	GUEST SPEAKER	GUEST SPEAKER
MELISSA LEDWICH Associate Director Evangelisation Brisbane	DCN. PETER PELLICAAN PHD Executive Director Evangelisation Brisbane	ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE Archbishop of Brisbane	REV DR TOM ELICH Liturgy Brisbane

Facilitating a deeper connection with God and the Catholic tradition through four core modules, guest lectures and special events.

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WORKING BEE on Friday, 22nd of March from 10:00 am. Volunteers are requested to clean/decorate church, bring palm plants in pots and leaves to be made into crucifix.

Parish Newsletter Week 8 Term 1

Wellbeing Week: Last week we celebrated Wellbeing Week for Term 1.

On Wednesday, our staff dressed up in bright clothing to "Say Goodbye to Summer". Staff also had a coffee van arrive at school, provided by our Social Club.

Throughout the week, our students had the opportunity to take part in yoga, a walking meditation in the labyrinth and a dance party. The students also had the chance to contribute to the wall of gratitude throughout the week. Thank you to the Staff Social Club and Miss Fisher, our Student Wellbeing Officer for facilitating these activities during Wellbeing Week.

NAPLAN 2024: NAPLAN testing began this week. We wish the students every success as they try their best in the NAPLAN tests. Please keep the Year 3 and Year 5 students in your prayers.



EMPOWERING GROWTH AND COLLABORATION
First Nations Professional Development Forum

We are excited to introduce the First Nations Professional Development Forum, a unique initiative designed exclusively for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees. This forum aims to foster professional growth in a culturally safe environment.

Forum Details
Date: Tuesday 16th April 2024
Time: 10am to 12pm
Place: Ngutana-Lui Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre, 100 Lilac Street, Inala

JOIN US
Register your interest and be part of this empowering experience. For more information and to register, please contact Jen Burrows 0499 099 126.

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Evangelisation Brisbane

RecoRally

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024
6:00-8:30pm
PADUA COLLEGE, KEDRON

Join youth and young adults from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for a free night of live music, games, inspirational speakers, powerful prayer and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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